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and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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(* Our support fund administrator, Andy Jarema, N6TCQ says *
(* that there is less than two hundred dollars available in *
(* the account and that at least a thousand dollars is needed *
(* to make the monthly expenses. *
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The following is a QST

The ARRL invites repeater coordinators to a league sponsored meeting, Japanese hams rally to provide communications in the earthquake ravaged city of Kobe and another honor for a well known British ham. These stories and more on Newsline report number 912 coming your way right now!

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ARRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Repeater coordinators. Put on your traveling shoes. The ARRL is inviting you to an open meeting later this year. A meeting that the Board of Directors says is to discuss ways of strengthening FCC support of local and regional coordinators, and related issues.

This is only one of many decisions made when the ARRL Board of Directors met in San Antonio, Texas, January 20th and 21st. Here are more of the highlights.

First, the Board adopted a Strategic Long Range Plan that has been in preparation since May of 1994 and has instructed President George Wilson, W4OYI, to begin its implementation. W4OYI appointed three new committees to coordinate the most critical aspects of plan implementation.

Also, a package of legislative goals was adopted, including positions on special call sign and licensing fees, spectrum

allocations, liability protection for volunteers, RF susceptibility of consumer equipment, better rules enforcement, and commercial competition for spectrum.

And the cost of being an ARRL member is going up. This after an operational plan and budget for 1995 and 1996 was approved. The dues increase takes effect on April 1st. On the other side of the coin, a fund raising effort in support of the AMSAT Phase 3D satellite project was approved, including a \$150,000 matching fund program.

On the regulatory scene, a draft petition for greater flexibility in spread spectrum operation was revised to limit such operation to bands above 420 MHz, and the General Counsel was instructed to file the petition with FCC.

And the ARRL will file comments supporting participation by radio amateurs in state and local emergency communications operating plans under the new Emergency Alerting System that will replace the Emergency Broadcast System.

Also, the board ordered something many hams have been wanting for several years. Studies were ordered of ways to oppose restrictive covenants that limit amateur operation, and to increase FCC enforcement of its amateur rules. Sometimes called Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions, these are deed restrictions placed on many homes at the time that they are constructed. They also make it difficult for ham radio operators to find new homes.

In other matters, the final report of the Ad Hoc 219 MHz Committee was adopted, in preparation for an expected announcement of an amateur allocation in this band. Also, the Hiram Percy Maxim Birthday Celebration that was so popular in September 1994 was made an annual event.

Finally, Helen Grauer, N0BCI, the widow of ARRL Director Paul Grauer, W0FIR along with and Directors Ed Metzger W9PRN and Frank Butler were elected to three year terms as Directors of the ARRL Foundation.

The complete minutes of the January board meeting will appear in March issue of the League's QST magazine.

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KV4FZ LICENSE RENEWAL DESIGNATED FOR HEARING

An amateur radio operator once considered a hero is now a step closer to losing his license. The FCC has ordered a license renewal hearing for Herbert L. Schoenbohm, KV4FZ.

In 1992, Schoenbohm was convicted in U.S. District Court of fraudulent use of a counterfeit long distance telephone access device. Now, the Commission says that conviction is relevant to evaluating whether Schoenbohm will comply with FCC rules governing amateur radio.

The Commission says it appears Schoenbohm lacks the requisite qualifications to have his Extra class amateur radio license renewed. Schoenbom, who lives in the U.S. Virgin Islands, says he will prevail in court.

In addition to house arrest and two years probation, Schoenbom was ordered to pay a \$5000 fine. He says the FCC was asked to hold the license renewal hearing by people who want him off the air.

The next step is for an FCC Administrative Law Judge to set a hearing date. No word yet on exactly when that will happen.

Herbert Schoenbohm is no stranger to controversy. Fifteen years ago, he took on rich yacht owners who paid for radio callsigns and operated illegally while in the Caribbean. Schoenbohm got the FCC to declare that people operating from U.S. flagged vessels must hold valid amateur licenses and are subject to FCC rules. That victory made him a hero to hams worldwide.

More recently, he founded the controversial Better Amateur Radio Federation. Now, the man other hams once looked up to has to prove to the government that renewing his license will serve the public interest. More on this story in future Newsline reports.

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RADIO FREE BERKLEY REPRIEVE

The unlicensed community radio statio Radio Free Berkeley received a temporary reprieve. This, after a federal judge rejected a Federal Communications Commission request for a preliminary injunction to shut down the station.

Free Radio Berkeley is a 20 watt FM station that broadcasts from 9 p.m. to midnight on Sundays. It's operated by Stephen Dunifer who says that he wants to expand the station's hours. But the FCC says that the small alternative station was illegally broadcasting without a license and should be shut down. It argues that there is no constitutional right to operate a radio station.

But in an order issued on Friday January 20th, U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken. Judge Wilken said she questioned the FCC's rules governing small stations like Dunnifers'. She stopped short of ordering the FCC to adopt new rules authorizing the operation of such stations. She did say that the FCC, not the courts, should decide how to regulate "micropower" stations like Radio Free Berkeley, and indicated that the government cannot simply run them off they air.

The FCC says that the ruling was the first time a judge has rejected the FCC's request to shut down an unlicensed radio station. The agency will be appealing the case to a higher court.

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HAM RADIO IN THE KOBE QUAKE

Ham radio was used to aid communications following the January 16th earthquake in Kobe Japan, but only within the borders of that country. Japan declined to declare an international communications emergency. That meant only nations with third party traffic agreements could handle emergency related traffic.

But inside the country it's a different story where more than 200 hams are still providing communication in the Kobe area. Amateur Radio is being used to connect relief centers and to exchange information on road conditions and traffic, the health, welfare, and whereabouts of residents, and the availability of water and food, according to the Japan Amateur Radio League.

The JARL and the Japan Amateur Radio Equipment Industry Association are conducting the communications effort at the request of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications. 200 handheld transceivers for 430 and 1260 MHz, as well as three repeater stations, were supplied by JAIA. Each portable station has been assigned a special call sign, 8J3 series.

But there are still 400 relief centers handling a total of 240,000 evacuees that are still not being served by this communication system. The Japan Amateur Radio League says that it is considering equipping at least half of them with amateur stations, if they can get the hams and the go ahead from the government.

And this reminder to hams in the United States. No bilateral third party traffic agreement exists between Japan and the United States. Since Japan has declined to declare an international communications emergency, it is illegal to send or receive third party messages for stations in Japan. Don't do it unless you want to you want to chance getting a pink slip from the FCC.

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IARU MEMBERSHIP SOUGHT

Still on the international scene. Amateur Radio societies in Turkmenistan and Burkina Faso have applied for membership in the International Amateur Radio Union.

The president of the Turkmenistan Radio Amateur League is Eugene M. Zwontsov, EZ8B0. He says his organization has 24 members with the total number of licensed amateurs in Turkmenistan is 32.

The Association des Radioamateurs du Burkina Faso says it has 29 members, including a number of officials of the Office National des Telecommunications. Its president is Youssouf Kaba, XT2KY.

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The administrators of the World Radiosport Team Championship 1995 report progress in organizing the event and solicit questions and comments.

WRTC-95 will be held July 8 and 9, 1995, in Washington, DC, in conjunction with the IARU HF World Championship. The Frankford Radio Club has joined the Potomac Valley Radio Club in coordinating applications for operators/participants.

Many other Washington area amateur radio clubs also will help with the arrangements and logistics for WRTC-95.

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HELP WANTED

AMSAT North America says that it is seeking the services of a full-time person to oversee the final assembly and testing of the Phase 3D spacecraft at its Orlando, Florida Integration Facility. The person must have at least 5 years of hands-on experience in the aerospace industry including cable harness design and installation. Both domestic and international travel will be required.

Also, AMSAT's Phase 3-D project is in need of a volunteer who can read and translate technical Russian. If you can help in either of these projects please contact Dick Jansson, WD4FAB at Amsat NA.

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SOLAR ASSISTANCE

NASA has completed the second of two shipments of solar panel modules, marking delivery of the first U.S. Space Station flight hardware for NASA's cooperative space endeavors with Russia.

The hardware shipments each consisted of 45 solar panel modules that were developed for the cooperative solar array project, an effort that brings together NASA's advanced photovoltaic technology with Russia's proven structures and mechanisms.

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DX - LEBANON

In DX, OH1NO says that he will be active from Lebanon as OH1NOA/OD5 until August of 1995. Look for him on 80 through 10 meters including the WARC bands mainly on CW and QSL via OH1MRR.

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DX-KENYA

Also, Kenya is on the air. 5Z4F0 has been active on 80 meters CW and SSB below 3800 kHz starting as early as 22:15 UTC and as late as 04:15 UTC. He has also been active on 160 meter mostly CW on 1832 kHz around 01:00 UTC. QSL via KB4EKY.

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ANOTHER BROADBENT HONOR

And finally, a second very high honor has come to Ron Broadbent, G3AAJ, in as many months. A recent GB2RS News Bulletin reports that Ron has been elected a Vice President of the Radio Society of Great Britain. The election was by the RSGB Council with the announcement was made at RSGB's presidential installation dinner on January 14th.

In late December, Ron was awarded an MBE or Member of the British Empire honor in the New Year's Honours List "for services to amateur radio," which decoration he is to receive personally from Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace later this month.

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And for this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at Post Office Box 660937, Arcadia, California 91066.

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